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In re Patent Application of:
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For: TARGET SUBSTANCE SENSOR AND
METHOD THEREOF USING A
PHOTONIC CRYSTAL

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

The references BA and BB listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 were discussed in the Office Action dated August 4, 2009, issued on the Japanese application No. 2004-087666. Also, the references AB and BC listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 were discussed in the Office Action dated August 19, 2009, issued on the Canadian application No. 2,560,765.

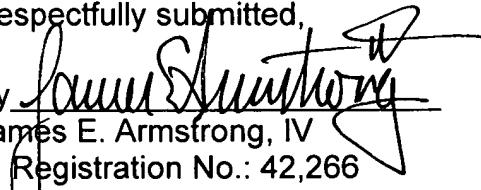
A full translation of the non-English language reference is enclosed.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. 80092(302721).

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